

What is claimed is:

1. A toner for image formation, which is produced by dispersing in an aqueous solvent a toner composition which comprises (1) a composition which is thermally  
5 soluble in an organic solvent and (2) a coloring agent, thereby forming toner particles, wherein said thermally soluble composition comprises a polyester with an acid value and a metal alcolate and/ a metal chelate compound.

2. A toner for image formation, which is produced by dispersing in an aqueous  
10 solvent a toner composition which comprises (1) a composition thermally soluble in an organic solvent and (2) a coloring agent, thereby forming toner particles, wherein when said solvent is eliminated from said toner composition, said thermally soluble composition comprises a gel structure comprising a polyester with an acid value and a metal alcolate and/ a metal chelate compound.

15 3. The toner as claimed in claim 1, wherein said acid value of said polyester is in the range of from 3 KOH/g to 4 mg KOH/g.

20 4. The toner as claimed in claim 2, wherein said acid value of said polyester is in the range of from 3 mg KOH/g to 4 mg KOH/g.

25 5. The toner as claimed in claim 1, wherein said metal alcolate and/or metal chelate compound comprises at least one metal ion selected from the group consisting of aluminum ion, titanium ion, and zirconium ion.

6. The toner as claimed in claim 2, wherein said metal alcolate and/or metal chelate compound comprises at least one metal ion selected from the group consisting of aluminum ion, titanium ion, and zirconium ion.

30 7. A method of producing a toner for image formation by dispersing in an aqueous solvent a toner composition which comprises (1) a composition which is thermally soluble in an organic solvent and (2) a coloring agent, thereby forming toner particles, wherein said thermally soluble composition comprises a polyester with an acid value and a metal alcolate and/ a metal chelate compound.

35 8. A container comprising a toner according to claim 1.

9. A container comprising a toner according to claim 2.

10. A toner cartridge comprising a toner according to claim 1.

5 11. A toner cartridge comprising a toner according to claim 2.

12. A process cartridge comprising a toner according to claim 1.

10 13. A process cartridge comprising a toner according to claim 2.

14. An image forming apparatus, to which a toner container is detachably attached, wherein said toner container comprises a toner according to claim 1.

15 15. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein said toner container is a toner cartridge.

16. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 14, wherein said toner container is a process cartridge.

20 17. An image forming apparatus, to which a toner container is detachably attached, wherein said toner container comprises a toner according to claim 2.

25 18. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein said toner container is a toner cartridge.

19. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein said toner container is a process cartridge.

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